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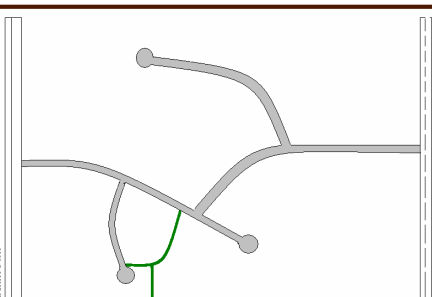
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BEAR TOWN HOUSING ROADS



Bear Town Project's main road, **Makwa Miikana** (Bear Road), connects Bear Town Road to Carlson Road, Baraga, Michigan, within the Keweenaw Bay Indian Reservation.



Tribal Construction is in the final stages of constructing 5,365 feet of new road and 875 feet of trail off of Bear Town Road. The project, which is B.I.A. funded, started in August and was scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

Tribal Construction and Danielson Contracting have been working through the dry, hot days of summer and recent rain soaked days trying to beat the snow that could delay completion of the project until next year. Mike LaFerner of Tribal Construction would like to thank all the nearby residents for their patience through the dry weather when dust from the project was difficult to control. "We had a few calls about the dust and tried to address them promptly."

Payne & Dolan began fine grading on the project at the end of October. Bituminous surfacing should quickly follow if weather permits.

According to Eddy Edwards, the site will be utilized by Ojibwa Housing Authority to build super insulated built-to-suit homes that will be sold to Tribal Members. On the property's forty-two lots, seven homes have already been completed.

At the October 11, 2007, meeting Tribal Council motioned to name the roads of the Bear Town Housing Development Project as Makwa Miikana (Bear Road), Migizi Miikana (Eagle Road), Maang Miikana (Loon Road), Maiingan Miikana (Wolf Road) and Bimose Miikana (walking along trail). Council motioned to name the Campground road in Zeba, "S. LaFerner Drive," during this same session.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- October 6, 2007, Tribal Council meeting
- Ojibwa Community College to close after fall semester
- Lake Superior water level information
- KBIC Ojibwemowin Revitalization and Preservation Plan—request for public comment
- Harvest Feast held
- Cultural Center holds Open House
- Halloween Party 2007
- Aabinoojiiyens
- Ojibwemowin

October 6, 2007 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on October 6, 2007, at the Marquette Community Center. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Toni Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and Elizabeth D. Mayo present. A moment of silence was held for the family of Jesse Jaukkuri, a 23 year old KBIC member, who died in a tragic accident last Thursday. Invocation—an opening prayer in Ojibwa and the Lord's Prayer were cited. Numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items were reviewed by Council.

Numerous students from Northern Michigan University were present in the audience. Their instructor, Violet M. Friisvall Ayres, indicated that the students were from her Tribal Law & Government class and were in attendance to observe the Tribal Council.

Susan LaFerner reported in the President's Report, that on September 14, 2007, the fire ban was lifted from the reservation and Marquette trust property. Beginning September 4, 2007, Council began the long process of reviewing 2007-08 budgets with the managers, directors and department heads. President LaFerner stated, she is "reminded (at this time) of the many great services and programs that our Tribe offers for the betterment of all our people, community and nearby communities. We do wish we could grant everyone's special requests. I know that the Council's intention is to best serve the needs of the entire Community, and I know that they thank and appreciate the support. We hope to finalize and approve the budgets this coming week." President LaFerner indicated that she had attended the Foghat and SheDaisy concerts which were presented by our KBIC Eagle Radio Stations on September 7 and 8, 2007, at the Houghton Fairgrounds, and they were fantastic, as well as the fireworks. The Tribal Council was recognized and presented with a plaque of recognition, September 8, 2007, from the local Fire and Emergency Services.



President LaFerner announced at the closing of her report, "I am saddened to have learned of a trespass that has occurred on our Ontonagon Reservation Trust Property. It has been reported by our authorities, and we will report with more information as it becomes available." The three pictures above are scenes from that trespass which used to be nothing but trees. Pictures were taken on 09/26/2007, by KBIC Tribal Law Enforcement Officers.

President LaFerner thanked Ed Janisse and staff for all of their hard work. On September 28, 2007, 28 persons traveled by bus to NMU in Marquette from Baraga along with approximately nine or more Marquette members and others to attend the DEQ's public hearing regarding the proposed Eagle Project mine permits and the Michigan DNR lease for the use of State owned property on the Yellow Dog Plains in Marquette County. President LaFerner thanked everyone who attended. Pauline Knapp Spruce, John Mantila, Dianne Charron, Don Carlson, Chuck Brumleve and President LaFerner gave comments. Written comments will be accepted until October 17, 2007. A final decision may be made on or before November 14, 2007, unless more information is required. On September 17, 2007, President LaFerner did visit Eagle Rock and the Salmon Trout River and stated, "It saddens me every time I visit to think of the devastation that would occur there. We can not let this happen." On September 19, 2007, President LaFerner did give testimony at the public hearing held in Lansing, where quite a few Marquette residents were in attendance. President LaFerner, Attorney John Baker and representatives of Council attended a meeting in Lansing on September 12, 2007, to discuss an M.O.U. on the sale of tobacco products.

The final wording for the memorandum has not been completed, and Council will not be able to comment further because of the pending case, Magnant-Waara vs. members of the Tribal Council, filed in Tribal Court. The timeline to file an appeal to the Supreme Court regarding the cigarette decision has now passed. The Cultural Center's Grand Opening occurred the week of September 24-28, 2007. President LaFerner attended the Ojibwa style moccasin workshop on Tuesday and indicated, "I had a wonderful time sewing baby moccasins." President LaFerner thanked the Cultural Committee and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office for planning and holding such as wonderful Grand Opening, "I know it was a very busy week of planning and cooking." Happy One Year Anniversary to our three Gaming Commissioners who officially began October 1, 2006. President LaFerner extended a special invitation to everyone to attend the annual Harvest Feast to be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. The location has been changed to the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga. President LaFerner reminds us, "Please remember to use the new Drug Tip Line 353-DRUG, 353-3784, if you know of sale or use of illegal drugs on our reservation or in our communities. Your name will remain confidential unless you choose otherwise." President LaFerner stated, "I was reading an interesting article that stated many Indian Tribes including Keweenaw Bay are complaining about the lengthy delays at the Interior Department to approve gaming applications. We are intending to send another letter, and I intend to call Mr. Artman this week regarding a timeline for his decision on the Marquette Airport Casino transfer. Our airport task force is also planning to meet in the coming week."

Larry Denomie III presented the CEO Report for September. Meetings continued this month working on balancing the upcoming year's fiscal budgets. It is estimated that a balanced budget will be approved by mid-October. Several areas are requiring considerable work and consideration where difficult decisions will need to be made. On September 5, 2007, Susan and Larry met with a group from the Lake Superior Community Partnership and Northern Michigan University. Both entities are interested in working with the Community on areas of mutual interest such as economic development and expanding educational and training opportunities. The Hometown Heros' concerts took place on September 7 and 8, 2007, in Hancock at the fair grounds. Foghat and SheDaisy pleased the crowd and once again the half-time fireworks show; put on by Morin Fireworks was outstanding. On September 10, 2007, a group from the community, including the CEO, traveled to Marquette to show and voice their opposition to the mining project planned for the Yellow Dog plains. The Michigan DEQ was accepting comments from those in attendance. Denomie believed those in attendance were overwhelmingly against the project. Debbie Williamson held a community meeting on September 17, 2007, to review the draft Language Assessment plan worked on by herself and members of the community. Comments regarding the draft were taken, and a final plan will be worked on through the end of the grant period. The grant was to finish at the end of this fiscal year, but due to the position being vacant for a period of time, a request to extend the program through the end of November has been submitted. Debbie will be moving from the Cultural Center to the Tribal Center the week of October 8, 2007. The Anishinaabe Anokii center has moved. As of October 5, 2007, the office is located in the former GLIFWC building in the Tribe's industrial park. The second grant writer will soon be on board. Jean Jokinen has been offered the position and is expected to start in early October. Jean's office will be located in the Planning and Development building on US 41 in Baraga. Jim Stingle is excited to have some help and looks forward to working with Jean. The Associate Director's position for the Health center was posted and closed September 5, 2007. It is hoped that it will be filled by mid-October. Cherie Dakota, Director, and the rest of the staff have been working hard to ensure services and the work loads are covered until the position is filled. Government employees and the Police Department will have December 24, 25, 26, for Christmas and December 31 and January 1, for New Years as paid holidays. Tribal center and related offices will be closed for those days. The Pequam Road water and sewer extension project was advertised to solicit bids in September. Bid opening took place on September 26, 2007. The bid listing will be presented to council today for consideration and approval. The project is slated to take place this year. The Ojibwa Seniors' renovation project is well underway. Several issues have cropped up that were not expected initially. Work is scheduled to move to the interior portions of the building toward the end of October. The seniors were updated by Sarah Smith, Executive Assistant, at a recent meeting. The annual Community Harvest Feast has been scheduled for October 20, 2007, 1:00 p.m., in the Big Bucks Bingo Hall. If interested in helping in any way, please contact Ginny Ann Jermac at the Ojibwa Seniors, Jennifer Misegan or Larry Denomie at the Tribal Center. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, it would be greatly appreciated.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report for September 2007. During the month of September, Council held one regular meeting and nine special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on September 8, 2007, and is reported in the October 2007, Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 4, 2007: reviewed the budgets of the Baraga and Marquette Casino Slot Departments with Slot Managers Gerry Cadeau and Arica Fassbender; reviewed the Marquette Casino Department budgets with General Manager David Haataja; reviewed the Baraga and Marquette Casino's Security budgets with Security Managers Paula Rantanen and John Misegan; reviewed the Baraga and Marquette Casino's Surveillance budgets with Surveillance Managers Conrad LaPlante and Pat Mager; approved \$4500 for Minnesota Towers

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Inc. for a structural analysis of our Houghton Tower; approved August donations totaling \$7000. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 5, 2007: reviewed the Baraga Casino Department budgets with General Manager John Mantila; reviewed the Ojibwa Hotel, Gift Shop and the Four Seasons Inn budgets with Hotel Manager Maria Zielinski; reviewed Baraga Casino Maintenance and Housekeeping budgets with Jeff Lamson; reviewed the Baraga and Marquette Casino Engineering budgets with Dominic Picciano; reviewed the Bingo budget with Gina LaBeau; reviewed the Pressbox budget with Dotti Pryor; reviewed the Casino Accounting and Casino Cage budgets with Francis LaPointe and Lynn Misegan; reviewed the Baraga and Marquette Marketing and Players Club budgets with Michelle Schjoth; approved off duty casino table game employees to be allowed to play poker. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 6, 2007: approved a donation for \$100 for each Tribal member attending the Mackinac Island Women's Retreat; agreed to have the President sign all contract modifications for additional funds; amended the Casino Handbook to include the Marketing Analyst in the list of employees prohibited from gambling; reviewed the budgets of the Community Assistance Programs with Debra Picciano; reviewed the budget of the Pines with Patricia Gerard; reviewed the budget of the IT Department with Tom Chosa; reviewed the budget of the Realty Department with Jason Ayres; reviewed the budget of the Tribal Attorney Department with John Baker; reviewed the Mining Department budget with Chuck Brumleve; reviewed the Gaming Commission budget with John Bussey, Executive Director, and Gaming Commission members Mike Dushene and Dale Shalifoe; reviewed the TERO Department budget with Robin Chosa. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 7, 2007: agreed to approve the contract change orders only after the contingency amount of the project has been spent; reviewed the Tribal Police budget with Dale Dakota; reviewed the Firefighters Committee budget with George DeCota; reviewed the Casino Human Resources Department budget with Jim Nardi; reviewed the Pre-Primary Program budget with Lisa Denomie; reviewed the KBIC Tire budget with Clayton Ekdahl; reviewed the Elderly Nutrition budget with Philomena Ekdahl. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 10, 2007: reviewed the Tribal Maintenance budgets with Arlan Friisvall; reviewed the Social Services budgets with Judy Heath; reviewed the Substance Abuse Programs budgets with Mike Jensen, Interim Program Administrator; reviewed the Youth Program budget with Youth Director Carole LaPointe; reviewed the Cultural Committee budget with Gerry Mantila; reviewed the Enrollment Department budget with Jennifer Misegan; authorized an additional \$400 in emergency funds for Alicia Swartz for a medical emergency. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 14, 2007: approved the meeting minutes of August 4, 2007; approved the August telephone poll results which approved the Health Director to purchase a generator from the Bioterrorism grant; supported a grant application with the Little Traverse Bay Band for a SMART Office Support for the Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Project; approved an exception to the burning ban to allow campers to have fires in the fire pits at the Ojibwa Campground; approved the bid and construction contract of Tony Burcar Contracting for the Walleye Rearing Facility Construction Project; approved resolution KB1571-2007 IHS Contract signing; reviewed the Commodity Foods budget with Dawn Gauthier; reviewed the Education Department budget with Amy St. Arnold; reviewed the Anishinaabe Anokii Center budget with Tim Shanahan; reviewed the Personnel budget with Pauline Spruce; reviewed the Prevention budget with Will Wiggins; reviewed the Natural Resources Department budget with Todd Warner; reviewed the Ojibwa Community College budget with Debbie Parrish; interviewed an applicant for Assistant Tribal Attorney; approved a Consultant Agreement with Montana and Associates; moved Even Start Coordinator Mary DeLine from part-time to full-time; renewed the Professional Services Agreement with Harlan Downwind; approved the Service Agreement with Eddie Benton Banai; approved \$1080 to start the Youth Entrepreneur Classes; approved one personal day per semester for the L'Anse and Baraga tutors; renewed Lauri Denomie's contract for the Newsletter; lifted the burning ban. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 20, 2007: approved the meeting minutes from August 9, 2007; approved resolution KB1572-2007 Dan and Beth Connor residential lease; allowed all KBIC employees to attend cultural activities with supervisor approval during the week of September 24-28, 2007, Cultural Center Grand Opening; approved oral history workshop in the amount of \$5000 from Tribal Council donations; renewed the business licenses of Bayshore BP, Bayshore Carwash and Laundromat, and approved the liquor license for Larry Denomie; approved the business license of Richard C. Geroux for Keweenaw Bay Collision & Customs; approved the service agreement with Carole LaPointe for Youth Entrepreneur Classes; agreed that the Education Committee will handle BIA grant appeals; reviewed the PowWow Committee budget with Colleen DeRoche and Marty Curtis; reviewed the Radio Station's budgets with Ed Janisse; reviewed the Grant Department budget with Jim Stingle; conducted employee grievance hearing case #004-07 and agreed to remove the suspension from the employee's record; approved safety training sessions; agreed to explore the potential of the L'Anse Tower site. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 21, 2007: approved the meeting minutes of August 18, 2005, August 16, 2007, and August 23, 2007; interviewed an applicant for Assistant Tribal Attorney; directed the Chief Financial Officer to work with the Ojibwa Community College on a draft services agreement for accounting procedures; approved Tribal Government and Police holidays as December 24, 25, 26 and 31, 2007. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 27, 2007: approved the meeting minutes of September 4 and 5, 2007; continued budget reviews.

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Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2007. As previously stated in the President, CEO and Secretary's Report, Council has been busy reviewing proposed budgets for fiscal year 2008. After many changes, we have balanced the beginning proposed budget deficit of 1.1 million to a balanced budget. It will be completed and ready for Council's approval on Thursday, October 11, 2007. Council has tried very hard, to provide the membership with the best programs and services while understanding that we also must be able to provide for the generations to come. September's donations approved were: Dial Help (\$100), Honor reception for Frank Ettawegeshik for his work protecting the Great Lakes (\$250), Military Order of the Purple Heart (\$500), a truck load of firewood for Michael Denomie (up to \$1100), MTU AISES to attend national conference (\$2100). The Council also approved paying the remainder after scholarships for Tribal members who attend Emergency Medical Technician training. They must complete the course or they will be required to reimburse the Tribe. Treasurer Misegan stated that she traveled to Lansing to meet with the State of Michigan representatives regarding a possible Memorandum of Understanding for the sale of tobacco products. She also met with Vince Rose from the Employee Benefits Agency regarding our Blue Cross and Blue Shield policies.

Carole Touchinski and Nicole Williams of the Harbor House Domestic Violence Shelter presented a request for funding assistance above and beyond the two-percent they have received in the past, for the Women's Center Capital Campaign. Annually, the Women's Center provides services to many Native American women and children who are members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, as well as other Tribes. Harbor House is the only shelter in Marquette and Alger counties that provides a safety net for victims of domestic and sexual violence. The group was advised that their request would be placed on the agenda for the donations meeting which is to be held later in the month.

George Madosh of Marquette, requested authorization for a member of the Marquette Trust Property to be able to run for a seat of the L'Anse District during the upcoming Tribal Elections this December. Marquette Trust Property residents are permitted to vote in the Tribal Elections through the L'Anse District Polls. After some discussion it was determined that this request would need to be presented to the Election Committee whom are scheduled to meet November 15, 2007. Madosh requested an Election Committee meeting occur prior to that date due to the upcoming deadlines for candidates to submit their candidacy. Council indicated they would bring his request to the Election Board.

Debbie Parrish presented the Council with an update from the Ojibwa Community College. When the College was first chartered in 1975, the Council had a vision to help their people become educated in order to increase their standard of living. When the College closed in 1980 students were devastated. Other Colleges provided educational services on or near the reservation after the 1980 closing. Gogebic and Suomi Colleges offered classes. Suomi College, which had less than thirty students in the beginning, dropped to less than twelve students in 1995. They stopped offering courses due to low enrollment. Accreditation has been an issue, and College Administration, faculty and staff are strongly working to achieve this status. Mary Breslin met with the College staff, Board of Regents, and the Tribal Council on July 19, 2007, to address the issues related to attain accreditation status, in particular the need for autonomy and governance requirements. According to the College's bylaws, the Board has legal and fiduciary responsibility, but they really don't. The accreditation process cannot go forward until these issues are met. Dr. Breslin suggested to CFO, Francis LaPointe, that accounting needs to separate the organizations by the College having its own checking and savings accounts. Since that visit, the Tribal Council approved a services agreement for accounting services and the College has opened up checking and savings accounts with the officers of the Board of Regents as authorized signers. Debbie Parrish indicated that she has since spoken with Gogebic Community College, Michigan Tech. University and Finlandia University Presidents, and will be in contact with President Les Wong of Northern Michigan University, regarding transfer credit agreements, outsourcing finances and student records, and transfer programs from the Ojibwa Community College. The KBIC has a strategic plan in which the Ojibwa Community College is listed in twenty of the sections. The College's strategic plan is aligned with the KBIC's as community stakeholders. Community education activities past and present are: welding, construction, electrician, masonry, computers, master gardening, and machine tool technology. CDA training is also available for child care and headstart staff. The College has been able to offer internships through NASA and MICUP, and there were sixty-nine children served in the two sessions of the Summer Science program this year. The College opened the Indoor Play Center which has since joined with the Tribe in the current Pre-primary program. No financial assistance was needed from KBIC for the Indoor Play Center. The College currently has grants from Destiny in the amount of \$162,000 in addition to a \$130,000 carry over which also includes an Indirect Cost to the Tribe in the amount of \$12,000; a grant from the Kellogg Foundation in the amount of \$49,000; MDHS grant \$40,000 annually; and fundraising has brought in a total of \$9,000. In addition the College will be receiving twelve new computers from a Homeland Security donation which the College will be using to replace older computers. These older computers will be made available to the Harvey community and current degree seeking students. Once candidacy status is reached (full accreditation is not required) the following grants will be available: USDA, HUD-TCUP, NSF-TCUP, NEH, DOC, DOD, AICF—Lilly Foundation, BIA, Title III, and the Federal Financial Aid—Pell grant. Scholarships that can be applied for at that time would be the Gates Foundation. The College has recently applied for the Teach program from the 4c program. However, the College is in need of the Tribal Council's support and requests that mandated training for our tribal members and employees be ran

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through or in collaboration with the Ojibwa Community College. Parrish indicated that there is currently sixty students of which all are in degree oriented curriculums with the exception of two, who are listed as enrichment enrollments only, according to the admission forms the student enrolled under. Parrish invited the Council to select a Tribal Council member to become a member-at-large, and asked to set up a meeting with the Council regarding possible funding opportunities. Parrish stated, "The community survey which was completed in September showed that over 92% of the responses indicated that the college was an asset to the community." In closing, President Debbie Parrish had a Board of Regents member, Fred Dakota, read a recent published letter, from a graduating student of OCC. (see page four).

Larry Denomie presented on behalf of Todd Warner bids for a contractor regarding the Pequaming Sewer/Water Extension. Bids were reviewed by Council. **Motion by Doreen Blaker to accept the bid of Haataja Trucking, LLC, as the contract of the Pequaming Sewer/Water Extension project, contingent approval from IHS, supported by William E. Emery, eight supported, 0 opposed, two abstaining (Swartz, M. LaFerner), one absent (Loonsfoot), motion carried.**

Larry Denomie presented the request for deer tags to obtain venison for the Harvest Feast. **Motion by William E. Emery to provide deer tags to Duane Misegan, Mark Misegan and Jacob Misegan to obtain the venison for the Harvest Feast, supported by Toni Minton, nine supported, 0 opposed, one abstaining (Misegan), one absent (Loonsfoot), motion carried.**

Jennifer Misegan requested assistance from Council to work as a two percent work group. Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Elizabeth Mayo, Jerry Lee Curtis and Mike LaFerner volunteered to assist Jennifer Misegan with the task.

Doreen Blaker brought forth renewal of the TV6 Image Plus, which includes one minute commercials and community calendar updates which will advertise KBIC activities for the amount of \$16,740 annually. **Motion by Doreen Blaker to authorize the payment of \$16,740 for one year for the TV6 Image Plus project, supported by Michael LaFerner Sr., nine supported, one opposed (Misegan), 0 abstained, one absent (Loonsfoot), motion carried.**

Meeting minutes of September 6, 2007, were approved. The Department head reports for August 2007, were approved. Council entered into closed session with KBIC members only present with Fred Dakota on the agenda, and then entered further into closed session with a KBIC member requesting medical assistance, Larry Denomie, CEO and President LaFerner on the agenda. The following motion was made upon returning to open session. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to include an emergency dental procedures line item in the Marquette Hardship fund for \$5000, supported by Doreen Blaker, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, one absent (Loonsfoot), motion carried.**

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT

“LET’S BE THANKFUL”

The leaves have been a rich color in our woods and roadsides. It seems appropriate at the end of our lovely summer season that everything should have this brilliance before the leaves fall for the approaching winter. The Tribal Council wishes everyone a blessed Thanksgiving. This season is a good time to remember people, whether near at hand or far away. Let’s remember someone this Thanksgiving Day by card, note, phone call, or a visit and let’s all be thankful for our faith, our Tribe and Country, and our families!

Remember to participate in the local elections and vote on November 6. Your vote is your voice. On November 12, let us remember our brave, special veterans on their day. We know that Native people have served at the fronts voluntarily and many have made heroic sacrifices to protect and preserve the freedoms of this country and its citizens. For some, joining the military has been a way of showing patriotism to protect their cultural freedoms. There are more than 190,000 Native American Veterans, more than 50,000 fought in Vietnam, 90 percent of them as volunteers. When compared to others, Native Americans have the highest record of military service per capita. Tribal people also give generously to the Red Cross and the Army and Navy Relief societies. I was honored to welcome the Military Order of the Purple Heart 2007, State Fall Convention that was held at our resort on October 5 and 6. Do you know anyone who should be in the National Purple Heart Hall of Fame? Please consider sharing your or their story to become a part of America’s history in a tradition that began with General George Washington during the American Revolution. Let’s remember our Keweenaw Bay members and friends who do possess the distinguished purple heart. Let us continue to pray for our service men and women, our veterans, and for peace on earth. When the power of LOVE overcomes the love for power, there will be PEACE.

Bravery “Aak-de-he-win,” To face life with courage is to know bravery and to have the personal strength to face difficulties, obstacles, and challenges. Have courage, make positive choices, stand up for your convictions and show courage in communicating and decision making.

~Susan J. LaFerner, President

2006 GRADUATE
ACHIEVED SUCCESS
AT KBOCC



Anin, my name is Jessica Lynn Koski, the daughter of Roy Donald Koski II (Elizabeth Ann Koski) and Cheryl Marie Boyd (Michael Ray Boyd). I am a 2006, graduate of Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. My experience here at KBOCC has been very rewarding and I am grateful that our tribe has a college available to the community.

Prior to taking any classes at KBOCC, my knowledge about Native Americans was very limited. I grew up in Wisconsin, away from the reservation, and unfortunately, traditional teachings weren’t taught or known in my family. After taking my first classes at KBOCC, my curiosity about my heritage exploded. I learned so much about my culture and history that I never knew before. It had a huge impact on my life and my family members’ lives as I shared all of the things I learned with them. I gained self-confidence and became proud of who I was. In addition, I feel I gained rich experiences and an excellent education.

For the first time, I stood out as a student and excelled in my studies. I felt comfortable in the small classes and the open and friendly atmosphere of the College and its staff.

The College has also provided me with job opportunities. While taking classes, I was able to work as an environmental science intern and as administrative support for the College. However, most rewarding, I was given the opportunity to work as a NASA Summer Research Intern at the Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. There I completed a research project on the potential impacts of sulfide mining on the L’Anse Indian Reservation. I chose this project because I was curious and concerned about the Eagle Project’s proposed sulfide mine on the Yellow Dog Plains. This was a very educational and emotional experience for me, and it led me to my current educational path. I am now a junior at Michigan Technological University, where all of my credits from KBOCC transferred. I plan on obtaining my bachelor’s degree in Social Science and Environmental Studies in 2009, and then my master’s degree in Environmental Policy.

Again, I want the College and community to know how grateful I am for the gifts we were given, and I think our tribal college has endless potential to better our community and inspire even more students.

BE PREPARED to vote Tuesday, November 6!

- Be sure your registration is up to date.
- Check your registration status at www.mi.gov/vote or call your local clerk’s office.
- To participate this November, you must be registered by October 9.
- Register to vote at any Secretary of State, Clerk’s office or obtain a mail-in form at www.mi.gov/sos.
- Check your polling place location at www.mi.gov/vote or contact your local clerk.
- Bring photo ID to the polls! Newly enforced laws require all voters to present photo ID.

Anishinaabe Anokii
First People’s
Work Center



New location:
Ojibwa Industrial Park Road,
Baraga, MI 49908
Telephone — 353-2626
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**KBIC OJIBWEMOWIN REVITALIZATION AND PRESERVATION PLAN
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Your support and involvement is vitally important. Below is the KBIC Ojibwemowin Revitalization and Preservation draft plan. Please read this plan and contact Debra Williamson, KBIC Language Assessment Coordinator at (906) 353-7022 or e-mail debbie@kbic-nsn.gov for public comment by Thursday, November 15, 2007. Written comments must be sent to the Tribal Center address, (16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908).

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GOAL 1 — Recognize and use Ojibwemowin as our first community language.

Objective 1. Usage/Motivation/Preservation – Use it or lose it! We will take responsibility for our speaking Ojibwemowin in our lives today and in the future. We will make it new again, fashionable, and comfortable. We will speak with pride and dignity. We will change the old messages put on us and those we put on ourselves. We will walk on the sidewalk, speaking out loud our self-sustaining Ojibwemowin. We will create a future generation of speakers by doing the following: a) We will hold community gatherings; b) Disconnected Community Members will be welcomed to their home lands. They will be treated with honor and respect as they find their identities, language and culture; c) We will ask speakers/elders/singers/drummers to share meanings of words and songs at all activities; d) Develop a training program for future instructors; e) Make language resources available and easily accessible on tribal website and in local libraries. f) Increase literacy by using the "Double Vowel" writing system to publish and share language materials; g) Document Ojibwemowin fluent speakers with a *Phraselator* for preservation and for translating; h) Incorporate Ojibwemowin into health education classes; i) Provide cross-cultural education to new KBIC employees and volunteers; j) Provide KBIC workers with cross-cultural in-service training at least yearly; k) Incorporate Ojibwemowin into parenting classes.

Objective 2. Create Speaking Opportunities – Speakers and learners of all ages will have opportunities to interact and use the Ojibwemowin in social and recreational contexts to increase the number of Ojibwemowin speakers in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community by doing the following: a) Implement an Ojibwa Language Program for all ages of our Tribal Community a) To encourage and assist parents to raise children as Ojibwemowin speakers by developing parent/elder/community language support group; b) Create language tables or language circles for learning opportunities; c) Conduct Seasonal Ojibwemowin Camps; d) Develop Ojibwemowin web page; e) Encourage radio/public TV broadcasting to develop and share Ojibwemowin online or published; f) Create Ojibwemowin classes for tribal employee; g) Create events and activities that will celebrate the richness of our history, language and culture of the KBIC that are founded in the use of our tribal people, local culture and heritage h) Create Ojibwemowin parent/child learning opportunities (i.e. Bingo, scavenger hunts, games, etc.); i) Develop an Ojibwemowin enrichment program at the Tribal Youth Center with busing availability; j) Promote partnerships with local paper and Tribal paper to coordinate language acquisition, with the possibility of collaboration with other languages for the purpose of multilingual activities.

Objective 3. Tribal Council Support – The Tribal Council will seek to provide a supportive environment and demonstrate their commitment for the usage of Ojibwemowin by doing the following: a) Make a formal declarations stating Ojibwemowin is the first language of the KBIC Anishinaabeg within our home land; b) Publish statements and raise public awareness, and support regarding the critical need for the Ojibwemowin revitalization and preservation as the core of our tribal identity; c) Lobby for policy and legislative reform in County, State and Federal forums to preserve and revitalize Anishinaabeg languages; d) Creating public Ojibwemowin signage by replacing road signs, public information signs and community facility signs; e) Use Ojibwemowin when naming streets and buildings to reflect the history and culture of our tribal lands; f) Commit annual Tribal funding sufficient to maintain Ojibwemowin activities and programming for all ages. g) Make a policy statement requiring Indian Preference in contracting and employment for community events and activities when expending funds for Ojibwemowin revitalization and preservation; h) implementing a Tribal employee leave policy for attending Ojibwemowin activities.

Goal 2 — Provide expanded educational opportunities.

Objective 1. Create Ojibwemowin courses for all ages of our Tribal Community: a) Offer Ojibwemowin through a program of activities involving schools, community learning and early childhood services utilizing face to face Ojibwemowin instruction as a priority for all ages. However, if necessary supplementing with on-line, utilizing video based, or distance learning sources for language instruction for introduction; b) Provide face to face teaching for ages 0 – 12; c) Offer Ojibwemowin for ages 12 through 18 in school as a regular language course; c) Develop community language (non-credit) courses for ages 18+.(adults); d) Provide funding support for Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, Baraga County Schools, GED programs, and Head Start Programs on and near the L'Anse reservation; e) Promote the development of advanced Ojibwemowin classes for high school and college level courses along with a seasonal or yearly immersion student exchange program with Ojibwemowin fluent speakers.

Objective 2. Develop an Ojibwa Language & Culture Immersion Charter School – a) Create an adhoc committee to work on the development and implement a Tribal Charter School to be open within five years of this plan.

Objective 3. Take KBIC Indian control of Indian Education by doing the following: a) KBIC will take charge of and administer all money available for educational opportunities to ensure the funds are being directed appropriately; b) Develop and support all required Tribal educational parent/grandparent committees to protect the rights of human liberty for Indians.

Objective 4. Provide annual tribal funding – for easily accessible Ojibwemowin speakers and teaching resources.

Goal 3 — Ojibwemowin Revitalization and Preservation Plan (ORRP) Maintenance.

Objective 1. ORRP implementation progress reports – Due monthly to Tribal Council.

Objective 2. Plan implementation progress will be published – Tribal Newsletter.

Objective 3. Annually Reassess ORRP for needed revisions annually.

Objective 4. Develop and maintain collaboration/partnerships – Agencies, organizations, colleges and/or tribes to create opportunities for sharing resources.

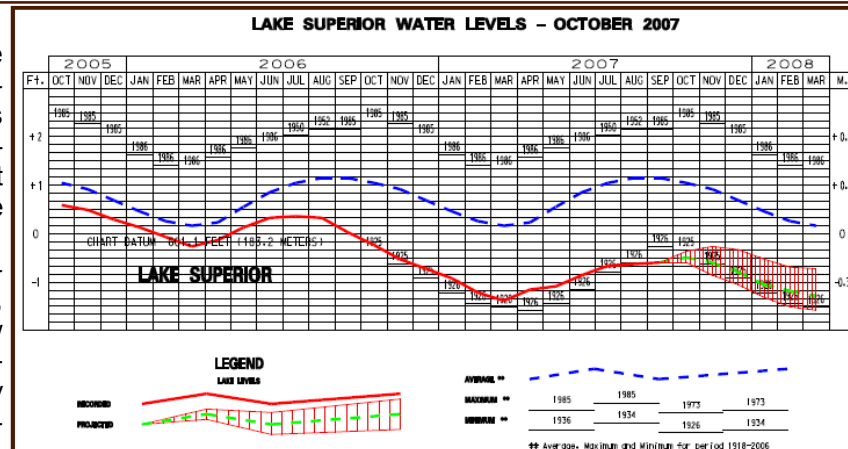
Objective 5. Continue to develop funding resources – Donations and fundraisers.

After this fifteen day comment period, the final revisions will be made with the planning committee on Monday, November 19, 2007, from 1:00 – 3:30 pm., at the Ojibwa Resort Motel Conference Rooms. The final plan will be distributed by mail for Tribal Community approval and an Ojibwemowin Community Drum Social is scheduled for Friday, November 30, 2007, 6:00-10:00 p.m., at the Niiwin Akee Center, to present the final Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan for community. The KBIC Ojibwemowin Revitalization and Preservation Plan will be presented to the Tribal Council mid-December for adoption. Miigwich, mii'iw (Thank you, that's all for now!)

LAKE SUPERIOR WATER LEVEL INFORMATION

Lake Superior is currently at its lowest water level since the mid 1920s. Water levels have been below the long-term measured average since April 1998. This is the longest period of below average water levels since measurements began. With the recent rainfalls, water levels have increased some, but water levels are still approximately 1.5 feet below the long-term average water level for this time of year. Recorded record low water levels were measured in August and September of this year, with levels at approximately 600 feet above mean sea level. The previous recorded lowest levels for August and September occurred in 1926.

The lack of precipitation within the Lake Superior basin is considered to be a major contributing factor to the low water levels. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, the precipitation totals recorded in Duluth, Minnesota, and Marquette, Michigan, have been below average in three of the last four years. In addition, the warmer than average temperatures in December 2006, led to slow ice growth on Lake Superior. The cold arctic air that arrived in January of 2007, spread over a warmer than usual, largely ice free Lake Superior and resulted in an estimated nine inches of evaporation from the lake during January and February of 2007. Dry to near drought conditions during much of this past year in the Lake Superior basin have contributed to the continuing low water levels. Following previous record lows in 1926, water levels increased to above average in 1928 and 1929. The Army Corps of Engineers, the International Joint Commission for the Great Lakes, and other agencies, will be studying and tracking this issue in the upcoming year. We will provide additional information regarding the Lake Superior water levels as it becomes available. Please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757, if you have any questions.



CULTURAL CENTER HOLDS OPEN HOUSE



Black Ash Basketry sessions were conducted by Lucius Antoine.



Hand drum workshop was conducted by (r) Erick Awonohopay and (l) Jeremiah Churchill.



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Cultural Committee held their Open House the week of September 24—28, 2007, at their newly renovated community center building located at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. Visitors were able to participate in many cultural activities and attend information sessions such as Black Ash Basketry, Ojibwa style moccasin making, bull rush mats instruction, traditional beading methods, hand drum workshop, traditional music, documentary film production, traditional teachings, and campfire storytelling. These sessions were conducted by various talented individuals selected by the KB Cultural Committee. A traditional clinic with Harlan Downwind, spiritual advisor, was available. This clinic is held monthly by scheduled appointments for those who are interested in being seen. The week event also hosted a blessing ceremony which was held in conjunction with a community feast. The Cultural Center's telephone number is 353-7020.

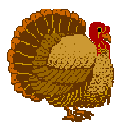
Cultural Committee Members: (l to r) Summer Cohen, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Leo Manny Durant, Gerry Mantila, Harlan Downwind, Louella Wood and Diane Charron. Not present: Beverly Lussier, Myrtle Tolonen, Evelyn Ravindran and Cody Blue.

HARVEST FEAST



The KBIC Harvest Feast was held on Saturday, October 20, 2007. Numerous families gathered at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall for an afternoon of visiting and feasting. The potluck lunch consisted of many cultural favorites which were shared among the many families in attendance.

Ginny Ann Jermac did a wonderful job organizing the annual event. Ginny Ann stated she had lots of help, and wished to say chi miigwetch for the wonderful assistance she received. An honor song by Four Thunders began the festivities. More family pictures are available at www.ojibwa.com.



AABINOOJIIYENS



Meet Rayleah Jacobs, born 09/10/07, to Nicole Gauthier and Rob Jacobs. Rayleah was 4 lbs. 1 oz. and was 16 ¾ inches at birth.



Meet Christian Morseau, born 10/07/07, to Angel Morseau and Jim Stein. Christian was 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches at birth.



Meet Kaden Allen Mix, born 09/28/07, to Leia and Craig Mix. Kaden was 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 inches at birth.



Meet Blake Michael Harden, born 09/18/07, to Amanda Shanahan and David Harden. Blake was 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 inches at birth.



Meet Ethin Liam Awonohopay, born 10/09/07, to Erick and Christine Awonohopay of Baraga. Ethin was 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches at birth.



Marquette KBIC Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 2, 2007

3 p.m.— 8 p.m.

Marquette Ojibwa Housing Community Building

KBIC Members 55 or older with one Guest.

Any questions contact —
Patti Brown (906) 249-8973

MENU

Turkey
Ham
Mashed Potatoes with
gravy
Cranberries
And much, much more!
Dessert: Apple, Pumpkin,
or Blueberry Pie



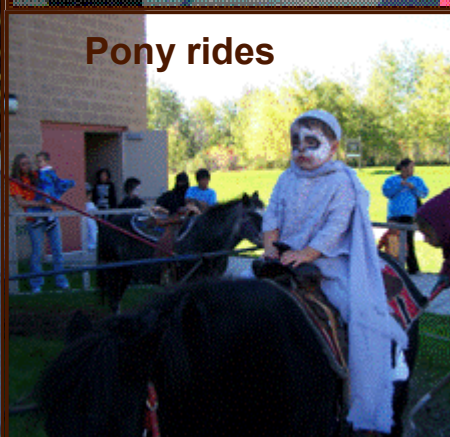
Left to Right: Tyler Denomie, Jacki Jossens, Shani Shelifeo, Deanna Varline, Ethan Smith, Austin Anderson, Tashina Emery, Sitting: Roni Jossens, Janelle Paquin. Missing from photo are: Samantha Crebessa and Angelica Bogda.

Halloween Party 2007



Cake Walk

Pony rides



KBIC held the annual Kids Halloween Party on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Numerous children were in attendance for both parties, including Marquette County residents who were transported by shuttle bus. The 0-11 year old party offered cake walks, pony rides, costume judging for prizes and a delicious lunch. Costume winners — ages 0-2, (homemade) 1st- Cody Owens; 2nd- Lilli Messer; 3rd- Darius and Odell Loonsfoot; (scariest) 1st- Addison; 2nd- Riley Pelon; 3rd- Ross Jaukkuri; (store bought) 1st- unclaimed; 2nd- unclaimed; 3rd- Javon Shelifoe; ages 3-4, (homemade) 1st- Robbi; 2nd- Charlie Spruce; 3rd- Madison Smith; (scariest) 1st- Nathan Loonsfoot; 2nd- Steven Smith; 3rd- unclaimed; (store bought) 1st- Katie Strong; 2nd- Tyler Dakota; 3rd- Jade Curtis; ages 5-8, (homemade) 1st- Jailyn Shelifoe; 2nd- Kara Hazen; 3rd- Kirsten Loonsfoot; (scariest) 1st- Mackenzie Seymour; 2nd- Joseph Loonsfoot; 3rd- Skye Loonsfoot; (store bought) 1st- Zach Welch; 2nd- Keegan Julio; 3rd- Sydni Voakes; ages 9-11, (homemade) 1st- Savannah Seymour; 2nd- Sam Spruce; 3rd- Sean Spruce; (scariest) 1st- Eugene Loonsfoot; 2nd- Raistlin Awonohopay; 3rd- Zach Cardinal; (store bought) 1st- Sonja Welch; 2nd- Cassie Alexander; 3rd- Jayden Chosa. The 12-18 year activities included a dance, snacks and costume judging. Costume winners — ages 12-15, (homemade) 1st- Christian Peltó; 2nd- Paige Chosa; 3rd- unknown; (scariest) 1st- Katey Hall; 2nd- Shantell Wheelock; 3rd- Victoria Durant; (store bought) 1st- Cameron Bratt; 2nd- Devin Curtis; 3rd- Rachel Sutherland; ages 16-18, (homemade) 1st- Ashley Shalifoe; 2nd- Deanna Varline; 3rd- Nick Killian; (scariest) 1st- Jennifer DeCota, 2nd- Rebecca Gauthier; 3rd- Dylan DeCota; (store bought) 1st- Jaren Forcia; 2nd- Tashina Emery; 3rd- Breanda Lavin.



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Jerry G. Pennock, Funeral Director
Susan J. Berutti, Funeral Dir./Manager



Scariest Winners... (l) Mummy Jennifer DeCota won the 15-18 age category, (r) Mummy Christian Peltó won the 12-14 age category.

Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm

Ojibwa Industrial Park Baraga, MI 49908 Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor
Tina Durant, Services Coordinator



Brigitte LaPointe

NMU Volunteer
Assistant Coach,
Women's Basketball.

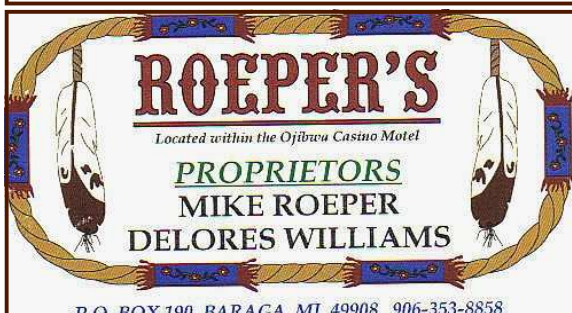
Brigitte LaPointe-Tolonen has entered her first season as a volunteer assistant for the Wildcats.



NEW YOUTH VOLUNTEER

Brian Wilder, from Alston, is a new volunteer for the community's Open Gym.

Brian has three children, ages 13, 9 and 6. His wife is a teacher at L'Anse. Brian moved here from southwest Michigan, and has his own sharpening business, specializing in carbide circle saw blades. Brian will supervise open gym on Fridays, from 7-9 p.m.



P.O. BOX 190 BARAGA, MI 49908 906-353-8858

Ride & Learn



Destination:

Marquette, MI

Topic:

Diabetes Prevention

Saturday, December 1st

Agenda

8:30 a.m. - Depart KBIC Health Dept.

10:00 a.m. - TV6 Winter Craft Show

12:00 noon - Lunch Provided

1:30 p.m. - Westwood Mall

3:30 p.m. - Depart Marquette

Registration is Required!

To register or for information contact Heather at 353-4546 or Kathy at 353-4519.

Sponsored by: KBIC Diabetes Program, Healthy Start

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Enrollment Update

The Enrollment Department and the Enrollment Board would like to inform the membership that the process to request a blood degree correction is spelled out in Tribal Law, specifically Chapter Nine of the Enrollment Ordinance and has been in place since it was approved in April 2004.

If a member believes that their blood degree is incorrect, they must request a correction in writing. It must include their name, enrollment number, nature of the correction, and the names of their family members who would be affected by this correction as well as a clear statement as to the reasons why a correction is necessary. Accompanying the request must be supporting documentation such as, but not limited to, Census records, Birth Certificates, Court Orders of Paternity and Baptismal Certificates. The burden of proof regarding the correction falls on the member, and they will be required to substantiate the claim. However when determining blood degree, the "benefit of the doubt" is given to the member, and the highest blood degree will be utilized.

The Enrollment Department looks at a member's Blood Degree if a correction is requested or if a descendant of theirs applies for enrollment. If an increase is apparent, the Department and the Board will proceed. To date, several increases have been approved by the Board. Although the Enrollment Ordinance allows for involuntary corrections that would be associated with blood degree decreases, neither the Enrollment Department nor the Enrollment Board are pursuing them.

If you have questions, please contact the Enrollment Department at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113 or 4111.

Extension Educator, Tribal

The Tribal Extension Educator will build and deliver innovative programs working with four American Indian tribes in the Northern Lower Peninsula and the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Educator will be part of a vast Extension Education network that includes existing University, Tribal College and Tribal programs. The Educator will work to enhance capacity in tribal family and community gardening and entrepreneurship. MS Degree in a related field required by start date. Minimum of three years of professional position-related experience. Apply by using the Web Employment Application Process at: <http://www.msue.msu.edu/jobs> by 11/09/07 and refer to position #1589.

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity/ employer. MSU is committed to achieving excellence through cultural diversity. The university actively encourages applications and/or nominations of women, persons of color, veterans and persons with disabilities.

For additional information contact: Doug Brahee, Michigan State University Extension, 205 S Front St. Suite 2H, Marquette, MI 49855 906.228.4830

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Jessie James Jaukkuri (05/10/84—10/04/07)

Jessie James Jaukkuri, 23, of Baraga, died Thursday evening October 4, 2007, following a boating accident on the Portage Canal in Houghton, MI. He was born in L'Anse, MI, on April 10, 1984, the son of Peter and Jo-Ann (Lamson) Jaukkuri. Jesse graduated from Baraga High School in 2002. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Baraga, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Jesse enjoyed playing video games, doing artistic drawing, and singing. He prided himself in using "correct" English. Jesse was a friend to all who knew him.

Jesse is survived by his parents, Jo-Ann Jaukkuri of Baraga, and Peter Jaukkuri of Baraga, brothers Peter Jr., and Joseph, sisters, Danielle, Elizabeth, and Vikki, grandmother, Marge Giddings of Baraga, niece, Breonna and nephew, Jordin. Numerous cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gary "Poncho" Giddings, paternal grandparents, Paul and Melvina Jaukkuri, and his great grandmother, Marie Kemppainen.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 13, 2007, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, in Baraga, with Father George Maki, Celebrant. Interment took place in the Assinins Cemetery. The family were assisted by the Reid Funeral Home.

October 3, 2007

TO ALL ELIGIBLE KBIC MEMBERS:

The Tribal Council passed a motion on 10/01/07 authorizing Tribal Members who wish to enroll in the upcoming (January 2008) EMT Classes to first utilize the scholarships available through Bay Ambulance and any remaining balance will be paid for by the Tribe. If the Tribal Member does not finish the class, they will be responsible for a reimbursement back to the Tribe. If you are interested in taking the class please contact Gary Wadaga at Bay Ambulance in Baraga.

~ Larry Denomie III, CEO

KB TRIBAL POLICE & CONSERVATION TEST FOR PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY BATTERY

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police and Conservation staff participated in Physical Efficiency Battery (PEB) testing on September 26 & 27, 2007. Sgt. Louis Poitra and Sgt. Judd Erickson of the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, NM, arrived at KBIC to administer the PEB's, met with each individual to review the results and made recommendations for physical fitness plans for our law enforcement staff.

The purpose of the PEB's is to ensure each law enforcement officer is physically able and ready to perform based on the Indian Police Academy standards. The Keweenaw Bay law enforcement staff rated quite well in the process. They were tested on the following components: flexibility, percentage of body weight push, agility run, percentage of body fat, and a 1.5 mile endurance run.



(top) Officer Everett Ekdahl Jr. presses 360 pounds during the body weight push. (above) Officer Carrick during the Tazing Process. Carrick received Tazer Certification which included being subjected to the tazer. (below, left to right) Officer Miranda Voakes, Officer Anthony Carrick and Officer Everett Ekdahl Jr. performing the 1.5 mile endurance run.



Officer Jennifer (Pecky) St. George tests in the flexibility area of the PEB's.



NEW EMPLOYEE

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has hired a new Grant Writer — Jean Jokinen.

Boozhoo—

My name is Jean Jokinen, and I would like to introduce myself as the new Grant Writer for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. I am a graduate from Lake Superior State University and hold a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Michael Jokinen is my beloved husband of 18 years and my best friend. We currently reside in L'Anse and are exceptionally fortunate to be surrounded by numerous loving family members. My parents are Pete Halverson and Janice Shalfoe whom I adore. They have provided me with courage, knowledge, strength, love and two of the best siblings anyone could ask for (Janice and Paul).

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to work for our Tribe. I am looking forward to this new and wonderful opportunity with high expectations, and even greater aspirations. It is my intent to provide all Tribal members an opportunity to fulfill their personal and professional goals through obtaining relevant grants to support such goals. Many of my expectations coincide with those of the Community and the KBIC Strategic Plan approved by the Tribal Council in 2005. Some of these goals include: strong families, preserving and protecting our culture, financial security, good health, education, and a safe environment for everyone. I welcome your input as to what grant opportunities you would like to see the tribe pursue. Please feel free to contact me at 353-4205.



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AWONOHOPAY AWARDED CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL



Christine Awonohopay of Baraga has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, DC, which represents the early childhood education profession. Christine has a two year Associate Degree in General Studies from Bay Mills Community College. She has taken numerous Early Childhood classes from N.M.U. and KBOCC. She is currently working on a two year Early Childhood Education degree from KBOCC.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve early childhood education and care by evaluation and recognition the skills of individuals providing care. The first Credential was awarded over 30 years ago and now 49 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their childcare licensing regulations.

Parents who use early education and care are especially concerned today about their children's welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA Credential is observed working with young children or families by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

The CDA Credential is having a positive effect on the quality of early childhood education and care. Its impact is evident in center-based and home visitor programs as well as family child care, the most common form of care for children under five years old.

Childcare staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write to the Council of Professional Recognition at 2460 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009-3575, or call the Council at (202) 265-9090 or (800) 424-4310.

MANOOMIN (Wild Rice)

Ottawa National Forest partnered up with local tribes to establish wild rice beds in several small lakes on the Forest in an effort to restore the valuable native plant to the area.



Ricing at Lake Thirteen. (right) Eleanor Moede, KB Ricing Chief. Photos compliments of Evelyn Ravindran, KBTNR

Wild Rice, *Zizania aquatica*, (**Manoomin**) is a very valuable native aquatic plant, with high value as both wildlife and fish habitat, and for its cultural value to area

tribes. Wild Rice once occurred extensively throughout much of Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and the Western U.P. of Michigan. Over time, many wild rice beds in our area have been lost, partly due to water level changes associated with old logging dams. The Ottawa Forest Plan has an objective to "maintain or expand the quantity and ecological health of wild rice beds" on the Forest, in an effort to help restore this important aquatic plant species to some of its former range.

In 2007, the Ottawa National Forest partnered with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC), the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (LVD), the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to seed wild rice in several small lakes on the Ottawa determined to be suitable for its growth. Public input was sought on five areas initially selected for consideration, and three areas were ultimately selected for wild rice seeding. On September 6, 2007, members of the Ottawa National Forest staff met with members of KBIC and LVD to do the seeding. Seeding efforts will continue over approximately the next two years in these areas, in order to have the best chance for success. We are hopeful that self-sustaining beds of wild rice can be established in these lakes, to help restore this valuable native aquatic plant to portions of the Ottawa.

(US FOREST SERVICE SUCCESS STORIES, Robert Evans, Sept. 27, 2007)

Ms. Keweenaw Bay keeps ondamitaa (busy in activities)



Ms. Keweenaw Bay, Chelsea Seymour, attended the **Say No to Kennecott Information and Sulfide Mining Rally** held at the UPFRONT, in Marquette, Michigan, on September 4, 2007. The rally was hosted by the Michigan Wildlife Federation. This rally was to show community support for those who would be going to the DEQ hearings on the mine and to offer more information for those who were interested in learning. KBIC was asked to do a motivational speech for those attending. Chelsea volunteered to participate and addressed the crowd who were in attendance for the rally. There were many speak-

ers from different organizations, but Chelsea definitely was the youngest and did a fine job as a representative of KBIC. Within Chelsea's speech she recited a quote of Chief Eddy Moody, "We must protect the forest for our children, grandchildren and children yet to be born. We must protect the forest for those who can't speak for themselves such as birds, animals, fish and trees."

Chelsea also attended Indian Summer Fest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this year. Summer Cohen of the KBIC Powwow Committee and the KBIC Cultural Committee states, "Everywhere Chelsea goes, people have expressed how seriously she takes her title. Chelsea works hard to represent the tribe in a positive way."



November 2007

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed. Please contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your event. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listing, please visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events (underlined) please contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

Sun

Women Talking Circle. Come join us on Thursday evenings, 7pm at the Ojibwa Campground.

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



November is Native American Heritage Month. NMU is offering many activities. Please visit NMU web site, www.nmu.edu/cnas, for upcoming events! For more information, please contact the NMU Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1397 or cnas@nmu.edu.

4 REGALIA CLASS 2-6 PM Baraga Co. Gymnastics 4-7 pm

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18 Immersion class; REGALIA CLASS 2-6 PM Baraga Co. Gymnastics 4-7 pm

25 Immersion class; NO REGALIA CLASS! Baraga Co. Gymnastics 4-7 pm

5 Family Literacy 5-7 pm; ASP 3:30-5:30; KBIC Future Entrepreneurs 5:30-7:30; KBIC Youth Committee 4:30-5:30

12 Tribal Gov't Offices Closed-Veteran's Day.

19 ASP 3:30-5:30; KBIC Future Entrepreneurs 5:30-7:30; REZ RUNNERS 7:30-9:30 pm

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6 ASP 3:30-5:30; Baraga Co Gymnastics 5-9: Karate 8-8:50pm

13 ASP 3:30-5:30; Baraga Co Gymnastics 5-9: Karate 8-8:50pm; KBIC Youth Council 6-7 pm

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7 Family Literacy 5-7 pm; ASP 3:30-5:30; KBOCC Gymnastics 5-7pm; Brownie Troop 440 5:30-6:30

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8 ASP 3:30-5:30; KBIC Flu Shot Clinic 12-3pm commons area

15 ASP 3:30-5:30; REZ RUNNERS 7:30-9:30

22 Miigwechiwi giizhigad Thanksgiving Day Tribal Gov't Offices closed

29 ASP 3:30-5:30; REZ RUNNERS 7:30-9:30

2 ASP 3:30-5:30; AISES

9 ASP 3:30-5:30; OPEN GYM 7-9 PM Pizza Kits here.

16 Immersion class; ASP 3:30-5:30; OPEN GYM 7-9 pm

23 Immersion class; Tribal Government Offices closed.

30 ASP 3:30-5:30 Ojibwemowin Social 6-10 pm

3 MUTYBL Ball-Bay Mills; AISES

10 MUTBL Basketball Banquet-TBA

17 Immersion Class

24 ImmersionClass; Niiwiin Akeea - closed for Holiday TENTATIVE-YOUTH DANCE 8-12

Home Interiors Candle Sale this month. REZ Runners starts this month.

INFLUENZA VACCINE 2007/2008

Vaccinations are available on a walk in basis, but scheduled appointments are encouraged. Non-native household contacts are also eligible for vaccination at the KBIC Medical Clinic. For more information please call 353-8700.

Annual vaccination against influenza is recommended for:

- all persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting influenza to others;
- all children aged 6-59 months (i.e., 6 months-4 years);
- all persons aged >50 years;
- children and adolescents (aged 6 months-18 years) receiving long-term aspirin therapy who therefore might be at risk for experiencing Reye syndrome after influenza virus infection;
- women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- adults and children who have chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (except hypertension), renal, hepatic, hematological or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);
- adults and children who have immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus);
- adults and children who have any condition (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders) that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk for aspiration;
- residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities;
- health-care personnel;
- healthy household contacts (including children) and caregivers of children aged <5 years and adults aged >50 years, with particular emphasis on vaccinating contacts of children aged <6 months.

(10) Midaaswi

Open Enrollment for KBIC EVEN START Family Literacy Program

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Language Immersion Class Schedule for Fall Semester:

November 16, 17, 18, 2007
November 23, 24, 25, 2007
December 14, 15, 16, 2007
December 28, 29, 30, 2007

Location:

KBIC Cultural Center
(down by the pow wow grounds)

YOU ARE INVITED...

The Library and Even Start are sponsoring a Family Literacy Evening. We are inviting families to come in, where staff will be available to read to the children. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The dates and times are: November 5 and 7, 2007, from 5-7 PM. Call 353-8163 or 353-8161 for more information.

OJIBWEMOWIN

Gashkadino Giizis — Freezing Moon — November

Fill In the Blanks

Crossword

nandawenjige

waawaashkeshiwi wiiyaas

giiwose

miigwechiwi giizhigad

aaniin

gibozan

makwa wiiyaas

mizise

zaasakokwaan

wiikondiwig

ashange

wiisini

giigoonh

okanakosimaan

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Word List

DOWN —

1 hunt

2 roast things in the oven

3 get food by hunting

4 deer meat

5 squash

6 they have a feast

7 eat

8 bear meat

ACROSS —

1 fish

2 feed people

3 fry bread

4 greetings

5 potato

6 turkey

7 Thanksgiving Day

hunt — g _ _ w _ s _

get food by hunting — n _ _ d _ _ _ _ _ g e

greetings— a a _ _ _ _ _

roast things in the oven — g _ b _ _ _

bear meat — m _ _ a w _ _ a s

deer meat — _ _ _ w a a _ _ _ i w _ w _ _ a a s

Turkey — m _ z _ _ _ _

fish — _ _ _ o o n _ _

fry bread — z _ _ _ k _ k _ _ _

squash — o _ _ _ k _ _ m _ _ _

potato — o _ _ _ _ _ _ _


they have a feast — w _ _ _ n d _ _ _ g

feed people — _ _ h _ _ _ e

eat — _ i i _ _ n _ _

Thanksgiving Day — m _ _ g _ _ c h _ _ _ g _ _ h _ g _ _

DO THE
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If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



Ojibwa Community Library —

The library has received books and toys on health, keeping healthy and staying healthy and taking care of your teeth. This generous gift came from KBIC Health and the Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe. The Program Mission: Steps to a Healthier US is a five-year cooperative agreement program funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and administered through the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan has entitled this as "The Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program." The Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe program works to implement chronic disease prevention efforts by reducing the burden of Diabetes, Obesity, and Asthma through the following related risk factors: physical inactivity, poor nutrition, and commercial tobacco use. The library is thankful for these additions to the collections.

Mr. Warren Petosky has donated a copy of his book "Civilizing the Indigenous." This is a history of Native Americans and their experiences living in orphanages. This book cannot be checked out of the library, but we have two comfortable chairs for reading!

The library has received about 20 large print fiction books. They were donated by Gary McCone, the Associate Director of Informational Systems @ the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland. Gary donates the books to all the Tribal College Libraries. The books are ready to be checked out.

Three new books added to the Native American collection: The Remembered Earth, an anthology of contemporary Native American literature, edited by Geary Hobson; The Ojibwa Woman, by Ruth Landes; I Tell You Now, autobiographical essays by Native American writers, edited by Brian Swann and Arnold Krupat.

November is Native American Heritage Month. The library will have a drawing for the DVD set "Into the West." Please come in to visit the library and put your name in for the drawing.

Did you know you can call and renew your checked out materials? Call 353-8163, you can also leave a message.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director


Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

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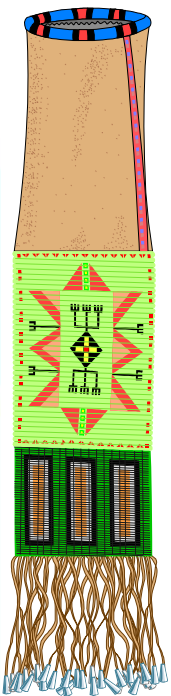
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